

## CONVERTS RECOUNT BILLY SUNDAY POWER

Washington Sinners Beware—He Will  
Get You, Say Baltimoreans.

The first guns of the mammoth religious campaign "to make the Nation's Capital for Christ" which will be staged in this city by Billy Sunday at the beginning of the new year, were sounded last night by a score of Baltimore policemen—Billy Sunday enthusiasts—during the afternoon and evening services in the auditorium of the Gospel Mission in John Marshall place.

These police officers were detailed at the Billy Sunday tabernacle in Baltimore, some of them even being "trail blazers" and their enthusiastic testimonials of Billy Sunday, the man, and the far-reaching and lasting effects of his work, as personally evidenced, sent their audiences home keenly anticipatory of the noted evangelist's arrival here. Both the afternoon and evening services at the Gospel Mission were given over to the visiting policeman.

Charles E. Lenderking, the police clerk, told of his conversion after he had listened to Sunday's famous "boose sermon."

"I had no more idea of going forward and declaring myself," Lenderking said. "I had of jumping through one of the small windows of the tabernacle. Some persons say that Sunday's work will not last, and that those who have been converted by him will fall back. I do not believe this is so. I know it is not so in the many cases which have come under my personal notice."

Many of the other policemen who spoke, after giving their experiences at the tabernacle, wound up by saying, "You may not be convinced of what I am telling you now. But wait until Billy Sunday comes to Washington. Then you will understand."

Capt. Charles E. Hurley, of the Baltimore police force, gave a powerful and convincing message to the "down-and-outers."

During the Sunday campaign in Baltimore, which was supervised by a detail of nearly sixty police officers, nearly 80 per cent were converted. The policemen told proudly that although they handled millions of people during the Sunday services, they did not have a single accident, a record unparalleled in police history. Also the police patrol was not once called in the vicinity of the tabernacle.

## "Watch Your Egg" Warning; Millions Cracked in Transit

There is many a crack twist the hen and the cold storage—so "watch your egg." More than 13,000,000 dozen eggs, most of them spring eggs, are spoiled in cold storage because their shells have been slightly cracked in handling, the Department of Agriculture announced yesterday.

Farmers and egg collectors are appealed to that they may be more careful in the handling of eggs and stop this enormous wastage in this important food product.

## Blood, Honor and Dark Sin Mingle in Vawter Tragedy

By CLEVE H. STAUFFER  
(Staff Correspondent.)

Christiansburg, Va., May 6.—Family honor, romance, hospitality and types, but the greatest of these—family—as Virginia of earlier days lived, combine to tell in five words the story of the famous Vawter murder trial, now entering its second week and which will be recorded in criminal annals as a case without a parallel.

The actors in this drama—a husband, wife and lover, the eternal triangle of crime—are Charles E. Vawter, until several days ago, professor of physics in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Mrs. Vawter and Stockton Heth, Jr., the man murdered by Vawter.

The family is the crux of the whole affair. Picture this scene in the courtroom: Stopped with grief and his last years hurried to an end, sits Capt. Stockton Heth, father of the murdered man. Capt. Heth was the brother of the late Gen. Harry Heth, of civil war fame.

Captain Read of Crime.

Capt. Heth was visiting his sister in California when his son was murdered. A telegram was sent him, but he had already departed. While traveling through Texas, the captain brought a newspaper and read several lines about the death of his son. It was his first knowledge of the tragedy.

By the captain's side sits his brother-in-law, a real Virginia gentleman both in appearance and spirit, J. Hoge Tyler, former governor of Virginia.

Near the governor is Lieut. Clement C. Heth, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Hunt, Md., below Washington. He is a brother to Stockton Heth, Jr. The lieutenant has appeared at all sessions of the court in service uniform, lending a colorful touch to the scene and demonstrating that the fighting stock of his family is still being perpetuated in this generation.

Mrs. Vawter is the daughter of the late Capt. Thomas M. Henderson, also of civil war fame. Vawter himself is one of the best families of Virginia.

Nearly Everybody Kins.

Practically every inhabitant of this part of Virginia was at one time either a Heth, Vawter or Henderson. They are the familiar names of this community—therefore the family element of this tragedy.

Dr. T. P. Campbell, dean of the faculty of V. P. I., one of the witnesses called by the prosecution in rebuttal, was vehemently attacked for his interest in the side of the State, the defense no doubt being noted that he is related to the murdered man.

This is the nasty element of this trial. Because of the interlocking of relationship each side fears partiality on the part of the other's witnesses. And the verdict of the jury will no doubt smack of this bond of blood. Also, when everything is over, some members of a family will no doubt hold themselves aloof from others.

Will the word honor and all that its true application means acquit Vawter?

Will the Virginia viewpoint of honor see the murder as justifiable?

You must have known Stockton Heth Jr., to understand him in this trial. He was 6 feet, 1 inch tall and of graceful, athletic form. No social function was complete without the presence of "Stock," as he was known among his associates. He was the embodiment of the Virginian in love for sport, gentleness and fairness, and adoration for lovely women.

Mrs. Vawter is a lovely and truly adorable woman. She has been pictured and described before, but justice cannot be done here. Look at the clear-cut cameo and you see Mrs. Vawter. Look at the Grecian interpretation of Adonis, and you see "Stock" Heth.

Here is a significant fact which developed in this case. On the third day, the trial almost came to an abrupt termination after a lengthy conference between counsel for both sides.

Was the family element in this? Was the Virginia principle of honor striving to shield some fair name even though the price was a supreme sacrifice?

Often the trial was a sickening recital. The courtroom at times reeked with unsavory testimony of licentiousness, depravity and intoxication.

There is something ironical which approaches tragedy. In fact, that a church convention has been holding sessions all of this week beside the little Christiansburg courthouse.

Eat All the Time.

There are three little bare-footed boys—court pages—who make the overcoat-clad judge shiver with shame as he slants at their scanty dress on these court mornings. The station of the messengers is on end posts of the railing about the bar. They literally fall all over themselves to chase copy to the telegraph office for the newspapers.

They are having the time of their life. They are very thrifty, however. They are everlastingly eating. Their financial propriety can be accurately gauged by their eating. If they receive a tip it is quite certain that upon these court mornings they will be well supplied with eats. One boy will take his perch and start on a bag of peanuts, the other perhaps a piece of cake, and on the coldest morning of this week, made his appearance with a plate of ice cream. Judge Moffett shivered.

The court room is placarded with signs which caution that it means a fine of \$5 to spit on this floor. If this law were enforced the fines collected would have been enough to build an addition to the court house. Pounds of tobacco are daily consumed by the male portion of the audience, the front rank of which finds considerable space for relaxation because they can stretch out their long legs and stack their brogans up on the bar rail.

## Telegraph Tips

San Juan Del Sur, May 6.—The Eco Universal, a German propagandist newspaper, has suspended publication, giving as a reason that it is deprived of direct news from the Fatherland.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 6.—In St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Radnor, Miss Ethel Sewell Hardy became the bride of Maj. Frederic May Wise, U. S. M. C. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George Lamb.

London, May 6.—There has been a recrudescence of cotton fires in Bombay, says a Reuters dispatch from that city. Twenty-eight fires occurred in April and another Friday. The damage done up to this time is estimated at \$300,000. Incendiarism, it is added, is suspected.

Boston, May 6.—Alumni of the Harvard Law School have started a campaign to obtain an endowment fund of \$1,000,000 for the institution. This is independent of the effort under way to raise \$10,000,000 for the general uses of Harvard University.

Havre, May 6.—The Belgian government has been advised that the United States will devote \$100,000,000 for provisioning the population of the occupied districts of Belgium. France will contribute \$50,000,000 to be devoted to Belgium and \$50,000,000 to the occupied districts of France.

Cambridge, Mass., May 6.—A tall to Wolf's comb six minutes in length, has been discovered by Prof. Edith Pettit, director of Washburn College observatory, Topeka, Kans., according to advices received at Harvard observatory. The comet was observed on the evening of April 30, and was 285 degrees. The nucleus was fairly well defined.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., May 6.—Several employees of the New York Telephone Company residing here are among the 400 men selected for the first contingent of the volunteer signal corps organized for the government. In all twenty-five companies of expert telephone and telegraph men will be supplied by the Bell system to the government. Twenty-eight hundred already have volunteered.

Clermont Ferrand, France, May 6.—A woman and a man previously her chauffeur were arrested by the police here on a charge of detaining illegally James Slater, said to be an American. During an extended automobile tour the man and woman are accused of having induced Slater to go to a chateau, where he was held for many days with little food and heat.

Paris, May 6.—The inter-allied parliamentary conference, which is made up of representatives of the British, French and Italian parliaments, held a secret session. Lengthy reports concerning the status of international rates of exchange and the world's supply of wheat were submitted and discussed.

Boston, May 6.—Mobilization of soldiers and seamen for the new American merchant marine is to begin at an early date. Arrangements are being formulated by Commissioner John A. Donald, of the United States Shipping Board, according to an announcement here by Henry Howard, of Brookline, speaking as the representative of the commissioner.

## Women Wage Earners For "Back to the Farm"

Gardening and its many advantages was the subject under discussion at a meeting of the Woman Wage Earners' Association, 704 T street northwest, yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Ernest A. Robinson spoke of the many ways by which gardening could be made a profitable occupation during the summer months, and advocated a "back-to-the-farm" movement among the colored people to solve in some degree the high living cost. "If the colored people," he explained, "would take up intensive farming and horticulture, they would better their own condition and render a signal service to their country."

The committee on gardens made a report on the activities under way at the orchard owned by the association at Henderson, Va. Miss Jeanette Carter presided.

## RUSSIAN REPUBLIC WILL BENEFIT ARMENIANS

Horror of Turk Rule About to End.  
Persecuted People See Bright Future.

By JOHN L. BALDERSTON.  
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London, April 20 (by mail).—The entry of America into the war, the high idealism voiced by President Wilson and the spokesman of the new Russian democracy and echoed by the liberalism of England and France, has nowhere aroused more joy and hope than among the Armenian refugees who have escaped the massacres in which the Turks destroyed a million lives. They look forward to an independent Armenia under the friendly protection of republican Russia, and believe the worst chapter of horrors in the history of their race will also be the last.

Aram Raffi, the Armenian historian, consented to explain his views on the present situation, and first denied the current belief that most of the Armenians people have been killed by the Turks. "Since the war began," he said, "one million Armenians, about one-quarter of the entire Armenian population in the world, and about one-half the Armenians in Armenia, have been murdered. The massacres were conducted on a scale unknown, even in that terrible records of Turkish butchery, and it is no wonder that people have been under the impression that practically the entire race has been wiped out. It will surprise them to know that there are a million still in that part of Armenia captured by the Russians, two millions in the Caucasus, and about three-quarters of a million more scattered about Europe and the American continent."

Optimism Rules Race.

"The Armenians are a race that will never die. We are too virile, too industrious, too numerous to be exterminated. No matter what terrible persecution and unspeakable crimes we may be the victims of, with Armenia it is now the darkest hour before the dawn. This nation, which had no part nor say in this war, but had to suffer some of its most diabolical atrocities, is today looking up at a splendid vision—the vision of a future more full of hope and promise of freedom and oppression than has appeared to the Armenian people for the last six centuries."

The Armenians, M. Raffi said, look to Russia for protection when they are removed from the rule of the Turk. "Like Poland," he said, "two will expect to get some kind of autonomous government with the capital at Erzerum or Van. Before the war the argument against granting autonomy was that in some parts of the country the population was a mixture of Armenians, Turks and Kurds. After the war, if the Allies are victorious, that difficulty no longer will exist. The Turks will have fled, while the Kurds have never been more than a nomadic tribe, always ready to side with the stronger power. It must not be forgotten that although they have helped in the massacres they have also helped in the rescue of great many Armenians, have fought against the Turks as well as against Russia, and also are continually fighting among themselves. They have no schools. You will find a school in every Armenian village."

Great Development Coming.

"There will be a tremendous development in railways and industries in Asia Minor after the war, and in this there is no question the Armenians will play a great part."

M. Raffi was asked about the Russian treatment of the Armenians. "When the Russians conquered the present Russian Armenia, the Turks and Kurds had a little more than a hundred years ago," he said, "there were only 30,000 Armenians there. Now there are more than 2,000,000 and this is certainly a tribute to the rule of the Russians. The Armenians, indeed, feel that with the Turks gone there is nothing for them as a people to fear. Naturally, they look forward to some reparation for all the horrors they have suffered."

Only yesterday a batch of the latest Armenian newspapers reached me from Caucasus, and they contain terrible reports of massacres that are still going on. One man, forced to join the Turkish army and who has escaped through Erzerum to the Russians, said that the country he passed through was strewn with the bodies of dead Armenians. He met a group of distracted children who seemed to have lost their speech. It has become a custom of the Turks to throw their victims from bridges, as the easiest way of getting rid of them. The Armenians have a saying: 'If you get past a bridge you have escaped death.'

Turk Atrocities Told.

"In one province, I learn, the Turks took unusual precautions after a massacre. They sent regular troops to burn the bodies in order to prevent the Turkish inhabitants from becoming infected with disease. The pretty girls have been saved and divided among the men, the rest of the women thrown into the river Euphrates. There have been massacres of the Armenian regular soldiers in the Turkish army. Men and youths, it is stated, were cast into a great ditch and burned alive."

"In spite of all this persecution and bloodshed, the nation has prospered and brought treasures even to those who slew the people, and today the nation has its own traditions, its own literature and art. In 1896, when the last big massacres occurred, travelers found whole towns and villages razed to the ground and their inhabitants exterminated. Two years later those who were rebuilt and flourishing. That gives an idea of the astonishing vitality of the Armenian people. It is a bright and wonderful vision that we now see."

PERSIA PLANS REPUBLIC.

Diplomatic dispatches received here say as a result of the Russian revolution the dominant Persia has started an agitation for the establishment of a republic in that country. The centers of the movement appear to be at Teheran and Isfahan, and the pro-republican movement is winning support in Northern Persia.

BAND CONCERTS.

Marine Bands today at 4:30 p. m. Concert by the United States Marine Band, William H. Santelmann, leader.

PROGRAM.  
March, "Song of the Brave" (Bridgdon)  
"Le Domino Noir" (Auber)  
Characteristic Tone Picture (Auber)  
"Flowers" (Von Bion)  
March, "The Princess" (Hauptmann)  
Waltz, "The Princess" (Hauptmann)  
"Song of the Old Folk" (Lak)  
(a) Intermezzo "Il Pagliaccio" (Leoncavallo)  
(b) Prelude "Il Pagliaccio" (Leoncavallo)  
March song, "Boys of America" (Pearson)  
The Star Spangled Banner.

Concert by the United States Soldiers' Home Band, bandstand, this afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock. John S. M. Zimmerman, director.

PROGRAM.  
"My Country 'Tis of Thee."  
March, "The Serenade" (Zemmermann)  
Overture, "The Tempest" (Koppl)  
Descriptive, "The Forge in the Forest" (Michael)  
"Night" "Morning Breaking" (By the Brook)  
"Morning Prayer" (The Forge)  
"Andante" (Crispian)  
Patrol "The Blue and the Gray" (Dahley)  
Valse nocturne, "Valse June" (Baxter)  
Characteristic, "The Nightingale and the Rose" (Pia)  
Pia, "My Mother's Rose" (Elliott)  
The Star Spangled Banner.

## Spring Dresses Greatly Reduced

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### "EAT TOUGH PART, TOO," FOOD PRODUCERS URGE

Would Also Give Interstate Commerce Body Full Control of Transportation.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Kansas City, Mo., May 6.—At a preliminary meeting of officers and delegates to the National Producers' and Consumers' Association held here this afternoon, resolutions were passed declaring that the agricultural activities of the United States must be immediately adjusted to a war basis and requesting that the Council of National Defense be given power to deal with the problems of production, manufacturing and distribution of farm products.

The active co-operation of the organization was pledged to President Wilson, to Congress and the Council of National Defense, and it was asserted that every plowman and laborer in the nation stood ready to render service to the country in hour of peril. The operation of the railroad, waterways, telephone, telegraph and express business or any part of them necessary for public safety or defense is a power which should be given to the President and the Council of National Defense according to the resolutions, and an increased membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission, giving that body exclusive control over all rail, telephone, telegraph, express and water rates was also advocated.

As a measure for increasing production, the government was asked to guarantee a profitable price on all farm products, covering a period of not less than three years, and also to fix a reasonable price, which manufacturers engaged in preparing farm products for the market should receive for their service, which would guarantee a reasonable return on their investment. Consumers throughout the nation are urged in the interest of patriotism, to eat the whole of the wheat, bread and other cereals, to consume all of beef and other food animals, and not confine their diet to select portions.

The convention proper of the association, does not take place until Monday, and the preliminary meeting held this afternoon was called by President Wilson. N. Pope in order that the views of the organization might be placed before Congress in its discussion of food legislation on Monday. President Pope, John T. Smith, of the American Federation of Labor; H. H. Schenck, representing the Grange and the National Farmers' Association; Peter Radford, of the Texas Warehouse and Marketing Department, and members, left last night for Washington to present their resolutions to Congress, and to request that the nation be considered as one big farm ranch and orchard to be managed by the Council of National Defense during the present struggle, to the best of the producers, consumers, and to the country at large.

### "Forward Washington" Boost Dinner Ready

"Forward Washington" dinner details, it was announced last night, are being rapidly completed, and judging from the number of acceptances to the invitations sent out a few days ago there will be a record-breaking attendance on hand at the New Willard next Monday evening.

Charles J. Bell, president of the American Security and Trust Company, and chairman of the "Forward Washington" committee, will act as chairman of the evening. The toastmaster will be John Temple Graves. Those who will make addresses include Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois; Ashley M. Gould, Justice of the Supreme Court of the District; the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D.; Edward M. Trefz, of California, and Col. Robert N. Harper.

### New War Maps Showing Battlefields Will Be Distributed By The Herald

They're here and The Washington Herald will distribute them. What you ask? Why, war maps of the world with large scale maps of the battle fronts, full details and latest changes.

Possibly there are no citizens in the United States who are as vitally interested in the gigantic world conflagration as Washingtonians. They are, for the most part, units in the machinery of the United States government which now has entered the war arena "to make the world safe for democracy."

Washingtonians are eager to keep in touch with the movements of the various armies, to be able to visualize the exact portion of Europe on which is staged a crucial struggle, to know the elevation of the land, railroad facilities and fortifications. Each one of these features, and innumerable of others, is covered in detail in a neat and compact edition of "New War Maps" which are being given their first distribution tomorrow.

There are twelve colored full-page maps and two double-page displays, one of the latter being an excellent map of Central and Western Europe, corrected to the slightest detail.

Another feature of the book of new war maps is a racial map of Europe, showing the ethnic distribution.

The map of Western Europe shows the German barred zones and safety lanes. The maps showing the war zones and the regions where fighting has been the thickest are intensified, registering every hamlet.

The "New War Maps of the World" may be obtained at The Washington Herald office.

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### NEW SESSION BEGINS AT SERVICE SCHOOL

Increased Enrollment of 100 Girls Is  
Noted at Opening of Second Term.

So successful has been the first annual encampment of the National Service School for Women that the opening of the second two-weeks session this morning finds an increased enrollment of nearly 100.

Many of the first-course students have consented to aid in the reorganization of the new encampment. No formal exercises were held yesterday, the entire day being spent in preparing for a fresh start this morning. Appropriate ceremonies will, however, be held at the school this afternoon.

Women and young girls who were successful in obtaining membership in the second session of the school's work began to arrive early in the morning. By 3 o'clock everything in the Conduit road vicinity was bustling with activities.

Special attention will be paid to the instructions given in the new encampment in economical camp cookery. As in the past week, regular army sergeants will act as tutors of the girls in this phase of the camp work.

The quotas allowed for the present encampment are as follows: Washington, 25 additional students; Baltimore, 15; Philadelphia, 15; Richmond, Va., 15; New York City and Brooklyn, 15; Boston, 15; Wilmington, 10; Pittsburgh, 10; Chicago, 10; and Atlanta, 10. In addition, 20 students were selected from the country at large.

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